

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-18 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of Baker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,811), Rakib et al (U.S. Patent No. 7,095,707) and Woodhead et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,640,388) fail individually and combined to anticipate or render obvious the claimed combination of a system and method for providing synchronous telephony or POTS services over an asynchronous communications network by means of a gateway and including timestamps, clock estimate construction employing same and access jitter, a synchronization module receiving and extracting the voice sample and timestamp, and a codec for decoding voice samples using a clock signal in the manner and complexity recited in the independent claims.

Baker teaches of the synchronization module for receiving the packetized voice sample but does not teach of the gateway with the first clock in a packetized voice sample or the terminal interface for receiving the voice sample and measuring the time of arrival of the sample. Rakib and Woodhead, likewise fail to teach of the above limitations of the invention, therefore rendering this application allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ASHLEY L. SHIVERS whose telephone number is (571)270-3523. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:30-7:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benny Tieu can be reached on (571) 272-7490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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